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Hoover Brands Carl T. Rowan Racist Columnist

DETROIT, June 24 (UPI)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today called Negro columnist Carl T. Rowan a racist while discussing the controversy over the tapping of the telephones of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., two Knight newspaper reporters said.

"That racist columnist, Rowan," was Hoover's response to a question on who started the current dispute, which has already involved President Nixon and three former attorneys general.

In his June 15 column, Rowan accused Hoover of illegal eavesdropping, implying that Negroes were being victimized. He branded Hoover's long tenure as FBI Director as dangerous and urged the President to replace him.

Hoover's comments were reported by two Knight newspaper reporters in the Detroit Free Press.

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